Meeting Called to Order at 1:03pm

Members Present: Jekeyma Robinson, Mike Mebrahtu, Travis Brannon, Alesha Allen, Cody Edwards, Bakarr Massaquoi, Meron Belachew, Elena Klinova, Tim Matney, Micah Sheffey, Stephen Orange, Sean Sedberry, Luke Parks, Kasey Cantrell, Josh Vaughan, Steven Allen, Dr. Jewell Worley

Members Tardy: none

Members Absent: Sean Murphy (unexcused), Chris Stout (unexcused), Ross Ashley (unexcused), Fealita Prunty (unexcused)

Secretary Report – Alesha

Minutes

Alesha: The laptop crashed over Spring Break. IT is taking care of the situation. It should be available today or Monday.

Communications

Elena: There’s not that much that’s new. There have been some additional advertisements for elections such as a banner and poster. They’ll be done by next week. Both elections (SGA and Honor Court) are being taken care of.

Stephen Orange: They’ve been joint elections in the past, so we shouldn’t have a problem with working together this time.

Treasurer’s Report – Travis

Travis: Wise don’t want to go under $1,000 in the SGA expenses. There is about $4,000 left. If you need to make any purchases, please see me or Teresa in Student Affairs.
Vice President’s Report – Mike

*The community service committee needs to stay after the meeting to meet with him. This committee includes Tim, Micah, Luke, Sean Sedberry, and Josh Vaughan.

Open House

Bakarr: Open house is April 26th. It’s the morning after the Student Leadership Banquet and the Spring Formal. Lots of students have stopped by in the past. Please sign-up for times in the SGA office.

Jam-4-Man

Cody: T-shirt designs are due by this upcoming Tuesday.

Mike: Be sure to check with Shannon Chappell. She had a shirt design.

Spring Formal

Bakarr: This year, it’s going to be good. The date has changed to April 25th. If anyone wants to ask about the date change, do so in Open Forum. There is going to be a lot of space at the new Holiday Inn.

Jekeyma: What’s the new date?

Bakarr: April 25th.

Jekeyma: We’re going to be tied up that day.

Bakarr: Can we start the banquet earlier?

Jewell: The banquet starts at 5:30pm without a reception. There will be about 200 people in attendance.

Travis: How long is it planning on lasting?

Jewell: We’re trying to consolidate it a lot, but it’s about honoring the students.

Sean S.: Is anything going to be cut out this year?

Jewell: We won’t have pictures. There will be acceptance times. People are also going to need to be there for clean-up.

Travis: People may not want to go to the dance after the banquet. Has it been scheduled already?

Bakarr: The hotel was booked before they were opened.

Mike: It’ll be fun after the awards.

Bakarr: We’re going to work with groups and organizations for set-up and clean-up. Should we push the time of the dance?
Jewell: It should just stay at 10pm or else the ending time will be moved to 2:30am. People need to be back in the gym the next morning.

Cody: With man power, we should be alright.

Jewell: As long as people are there with responsibility.

Jekeyma: It’s listed on the student activities calendar.

Sean S.: RHA can have some core individuals help out.

Meron: MCA can bring about 10 people to help out.

Miss UVa-Wise

Kasey: The sash is the only thing that’s been ordered. Shirts and the trophy will be on the way. Judges and escorts have been decided on. Someone from SGA needs to work the sound system on the day of the pageant (April 12th).

President’s Report - Jekeyma

Unfinished Business

Math Club

Stephen Orange: Motion to approve the Math Club

Sean S.: Seconds the motion

Steven: Friendly Amendment > with stipulations of correcting the constitution

*friendly amendment approved*

*motion passes*

Environmental Club

Cris B.: There was a coalition of organizations this past Wednesday. 1.6 billion dollars is going towards this coal plant and 5.6 million parts of CO₂ will be released into the atmosphere. We are asking for SGA to oppose the power plant through a written resolution. The school is trying to expand but it’s difficult to do with pollution problems.

Cody: This is supposed to be a clean burning coal plant. It’s the livelihood of Southwest VA, so many aren’t opposed to it.

Emahunn: The University provides more jobs that this plant will.
Sean S.: No plant is going to burn clean.

Emahunn: We want you to use this as an opportunity to stop this.

Justin: It looks like they’re going to build it anyway.

Emahunn: They don’t have enough permits. They’re set to start April 13th.

Stephen: As elected members, we need to make sure that this is what the student wants.

Jekeyma: Have you asked classes and presented this information?

Emahunn: Unless we act soon, there won’t be much that we can do.

Mike: How much time do you have before this has to be done?

Emahunn: As soon as possible.

Micah: So, have you asked students and gotten a consensus?

Cris: We’ve got a hold of the stock holders and there have been protest sheets passed around.

Alesha: As Stephen said, we are here to represent the students. How about I send the club a copy of a petition that they can submit? They can present the petition with 500 student signatures in opposition of the power plant. 500 students is 1/4th of the campus population.

**Wise Soccer Club**

Jekeyma: The Wise Soccer Club has been inactive. They’ve turned in their sheets and they want to become reactivated.

Cody: Motion to reactivate the Wise Soccer Club

Steven: Seconds the motion

*motion passes*

**Kappa Sigma**

Justin: We are requesting $800 for the annual Kappa Sigma Pig Roast.

Micah: Have you raised any money for this event?

Justin: We did fundraising.

Sean S.: Motion to approve the allotment of $800 to Kappa Sigma for the Pig Roast.

Luke: Seconds the motion.

Tim: Friendly Amendment > decrease the allocation to $500 from $800
*friendly amendment declined*

*motion for allocation passes*

**International Club**

Olga: We want to know if we will be funded. $355 is needed for the trip and we can bring the proofs afterwards. There was a discount given by the Barter Theatre.

Cody: They might have to pay more.

Sean S.: Motion to approve half of the cost of the trip, but not exceeding the set amount due to price changes.

Elena: Seconds the motion.

*motion passes*

**Wellness Club**

Caroline: There are about 18 people interested in the club. We are meeting again next week.

Bakarr: Seconds the motion.

Tim: They need to fix the grammatical errors in the constitution.

*motion passes*

**New Business**

**Teammates-4-Life**

*Luke stepped down as a senator for a presentation*

Luke: Teammates-4-Life is putting on another program. It’ll be on April 3rd at 8pm. We are requesting $200 for gifts and prizes. Numerous fundraising has been done already. Raffles and sales have been done at the baseball games.

Jekeyma: This will of course need to be tabled until next week.

**Open Forum**

*There was no open forum*
Announcements

Guitar Hero
Sean S.: RHA is hosting a Guitar Hero tournament on April 3rd.

Elections
Alesha: The election petitions are out. Please spread the word.

CavTV
Mike: CavTV will air next week Thursday at 9pm in the Jefferson Lounge.

Resolution
Stephen: The UNC-Chapel Hill resolution is being worked on. It will be up for a vote next week.

Advisor’s Report – Dr. Jewell Worley

Jewell: Elena, the petitions are out, so please post some advertisements. Also, the awards packets are due by 5pm in the Student Affairs office. Nominated individual forms are also due at 5pm.

Luke: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Sean S.: Seconds the motion.

*motion passes*

Meeting adjourned at 1:58pm